PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 31. Please cancel claims 32-40. Please add new claims 41-49.

1-18 (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) A method for processing a physical document, said method comprising:

creating a record in a selections table stored in a user device, said creating the record comprising entering into the record: a document number that identifies both the physical document and an electronic document that is an electronic copy of the physical document, a page number that identifies a page of the physical document and a corresponding page of the electronic document, and a network address of a server that stores the electronic document;

receiving, by the user device, an identification of where a selected region within the page of the physical document is located within the page; and

inserting the received identification into the record of the selections table.

20. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the identification identifies the coordinates of the vertices of a polygon drawn around the selected region.

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein said receiving the identification comprises receiving the identification by the user device from a transparent Electro-Luminescent Digitizing Tablet (ELDT) while the transparent ELDT is aligned over the page of the physical

document and has sensed the identification from the polygon drawn over the transparent ELDT and around the selected region.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the electronic document is an exact replica of the physical document.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the user device is a stand-alone handheld computer device.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the method further comprises:

sending selected data in the record of the selections table to a user workstation, wherein the selected data comprises the document number, the page number, and the network address.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 24, wherein the method further comprises:

sending, from the user workstation across a network to the server at the network address, a request for the page of the electronic document, wherein the request specifies the document number and the page number; and

receiving, by the user workstation from the server, the requested page of the electronic document.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the request does not include any text or graphics comprised by the physical document other than the document number and the page number.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the method further comprises transmitting, to a destination document, a copy of a region on the received page of the electronic document corresponding to the selected region on the physical document.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said transmitting to the destination document comprises:

marking, by a plug-in program resident on the user workstation, the selected region on the received page of the electronic document; and

copying the marked region into a destination document.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said copying the marked region into the destination document comprises:

copying the marked region to a clipboard of an operating system in the user workstation; and

pasting the marked region on the clipboard into the destination document.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein the network is an Internet Protocol (IP) network, wherein the network address is an Uniform Resource locator (URL), wherein the server is a Web server, and wherein the electronic copy is a HyperText Markup Language (HTML) document.

31. (Currently amended) A computer program product comprising a computer readable storage medium, said storage medium storing instructions for performing the method of claim 19 when said instructions are executed on the user device.

32-40. (Canceled)

41. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein the method further comprises:

receiving, by a user workstation from the user device, selected data from the record of the selections table stored in the user device, wherein the selected data comprises the document number that identifies both the physical document and the electronic document that is an electronic copy of the physical document, the page number that identifies the page of the physical document and the corresponding page of the electronic document, and the network address of the server that stores the electronic document;

sending, from the user workstation across a network to the server at the network address, a request for the page of the electronic document, wherein the request specifies the document number and the page number; and

receiving, by the user workstation from the server, the requested page of the electronic document.

42. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the method further comprises:

sending, from the user workstation across the network to the server at the network address, a request for the page of the electronic document, wherein the request specifies the document number and the page number; and

receiving, by the user workstation from the server, the requested page of the electronic document.

43. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the request does not include any text or graphics comprised by the physical document other than the document number and the page number.

44. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the method further comprises transmitting, to a destination document, a copy of a region on the received page of the electronic document corresponding to the selected region on the physical document.

45. (New) The method of claim 44, wherein said transmitting to the destination document comprises:

marking, by a plug-in program resident on the user workstation, the selected region on the received page of the electronic document; and

copying the marked region into the destination document.

46. (New) The method of claim 45, wherein said copying the marked region into the destination document comprises:

copying the marked region to a clipboard of an operating system in the user workstation; and

pasting the marked region on the clipboard into the destination document.

47. (New) The method of claim 42, wherein the network is an Internet Protocol (IP) network, wherein the network address is an Uniform Resource locator (URL), wherein the server is a Web server, and wherein the electronic copy is a HyperText Markup Language (HTML) document.

48. (New) The method of claim 41, wherein the electronic document is an exact replica of the physical document.

49. (New) A computer program product comprising a computer readable storage medium, said storage medium storing instructions for performing the method of claim 41 when said instructions are executed on the user workstation.